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Are you Alice?

DID YOU COME TO TAKE BACK MY REGRET?

WELCOME BACK, HATTER-SAN.

I SAID THIS BEFORE TOO. THERE'S NO WAY I WOULD HAVE USED SUCH A STUPID CAT AS THE MODEL FOR THE CHESHIRE CAT.

DID YOU REALLY WANT TO APPEAR IN THE STORY SO BAD YOU'LL GO AS FAR AS THROWING AWAY THE NAME ALICE GAVE TO YOU?

...I FINALLY UNDERSTAND THE REASON I EVERY TIME I SEE YOUR FACE I WANT TO USE IT AS TARGET PRACTICE.

—DAINA.

jangle

IT WAS A MISTAKE TO PICK YOU UP AFTER ALL.

I THINK IF YOU HAD JUST LEFT ME ALONE I COULD HAVE LIVED HAPPILY AS A PET.

I'VE ONLY EXPERIENCED TROUBLESOME THINGS SINCE MEETING ALICE.

THAT'S RIGHT.

SUCH AS CHILD REARING, AND USELESS RECYCLING.

...WHAT'S THE ENDING YOU HOPE FOR?

WHAT IS THE GOAL YOU WISH TO BE FULFILLED SO BADLY

THAT YOU'D GO AS FAR AS THROWING AWAY YOUR NAME AND PAST AND WILLINGLY NOT RETURN TO BEING ALICE'S PET ONCE AGAIN?

I WANT THE NON-SENSICAL ALICE IN WONDERLAND TO BE RESET BACK TO THE START.

...IS THAT SO?

...IN THAT CASE, I'M SORRY.

THAT'S A WASTE OF TIME.

WELL THEN, WHEN WE GET OUT OF HERE SAFELY I'LL MAKE ALICE HAPPY.

THAT'S RIGHT.

IF ALICE ISN'T HERE THEN THIS STORY HAS NO MEANING.

THE REAL IMPORTANCE OF ALICE IN WONDERLAND.

YOU'LL UNDERSTAND ONE DAY

HE'S GOING TO IGNORE THE INCONVENIENT THINGS HE HEARS AS ALWAYS, HUH?

SFX: gong gong gong

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YAWN...

MM...

HUH...?

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ストーリー

夢を捨て、「不思議の国」に迷い込んだ少年は、「白ウサギを殺す為のゲーム」に勝ち残る事で元の世界に帰れる事を知る。

「不思議の国のアリス」を読まされたアリス。彼は兎をさ迷い歩く。「アリス」はいつも通り先生の所を訪れていた。しかし、急に眠こんでしまったアリスを先生は追い返してしまう。眠ち込むアリスが車に轢かれそうになった所を助けた青年。彼とどこかで会ったような既視感を覚えるアリスは、彼に名前を尋ね——。

未練再発行人。トウイードル・ディーから

gong

—OH YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT.

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I BECAME THE QUEEN.

Chapter.49
my name is …②

Are You Alice?

最新単行本(さいしんたんこうぼん)第⑧巻(だいかん)は7月(がつ)25日(にちはつばい)発売(はつばい)！

OKAY, I'M LOST!

GOOD MORNING, YOUR MAJESTY.

OH YEAH, WE DEFINITELY CLIMBED UP SOME STAIRS... IT'S PROBABLY OVER HERE.

UM... HUH? ...YESTERDAY I WAS SHOWN TO MY ROOM— EH—?

...NO, IT DOESN'T TURN.

THIS IS... A DEAD END.

HUH?

ERR.... HOLD ON. WAS THERE A STAIRCASE IN THE FIRST PLACE? DID I REALLY GO UP SOME STAIRS? I THINK I JUST CAME FROM A PASSAGEWAY LIKE THIS.

THAT'S... NOT RIGHT. I THINK I CAME FROM THAT WAY SO I NEED TO GO THIS WAY... THI... THIS?

...WHAT'S UP WITH THIS SENSELESS SIZE...?

IT'S ABSURDLY DIFFERENT THAN HATTER'S PLACE

YOU SHOULD NOT WALK AROUND ALONE WHILE YOU ARE STILL NOT USED TO THE SIZE OF THE CASTLE.

AH.

BUT THIS IS STILL INSIDE YOUR ROOM...?

OH... IS THAT SO?

YOU SHOULDA TOLD ME THAT EARLIER! I WAS CLOSE TO BEING LOST!

HM?

SINCE I AM CURRENTLY THE ONLY PERSON WORKING IN THE CASTLE, IF YOU WERE TO GET LOST THEN IT IS POSSIBLE IT WOULD TAKE ME UP TO FIVE MONTHS AFTER YOUR DEATH TO FIND YOU.

CALL ME ALICE. JUST ALICE.

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

IT LIKE MAKES ME FEEL LIKE... EXHAUSTED OR SOMETHING...

BY THE WAY,

STOP CALLING ME "YOUR MAJESTY"...

IT IS FOR THAT REASON THAT YOU HAD TWEEDLE DUM ISSUE YOU A NEW NAME, IS IT NOT?

YOU THREW AWAY THE NAME ALICE AND WERE REBORN AS THE QUEEN OF LOOKING-GLASS LAND.

WELL, IN REALITY, I DIDN'T ACTUALLY GET A NEW NAME...

?

DID YOU SAY SOMETHING?

IT'S NOTHING.

YOUR INAUGURATION CEREMONY HAS BEEN PLANNED TO START IN THE AFTERNOON.

LOOKING-GLASS LAND MAY NOT HAVE MANY PEOPLE, BUT EVERYONE HAS BEEN HIGHLY ANTICIPATING YOUR MAJESTY'S BIRTH.

NO WAY, I AIN'T WEARING THAT THING! YOU WAITED UNTIL JUST NOW TO MENTION THOSE STRANGE CLOTHES, DIDN'T YA!? I ABSOLUTELY AIN'T WEARING THAT!

PLEASE LOOK. I HAVE ALSO PREPARED SOME STRANGE CLOTHES FOR YOUR MAJESTY.

SFX: ta-da

NO, THERE'S TO BE NO DYING AND KILLING.

SEARCH FOR AND CAPTURE THE CHESHIRE CAT EVEN IF I DIE TRYING.

YOU SHOULD BRING HIM HERE NORMALLY.

EVEN IF I HAVE TO KILL HIM.

That stuff about beheading and putting your head on a stake was just a joke too.

IF YOU FORGET I'LL PUNISH YOU BY HAVING YOUR HEAD CUT OFF AND MOUNTED ON A STAKE.

—MORE IMPORTANT THAN THAT, DON'T FORGET THE FIRST ORDER I GAVE AS QUEEN.

OF COURSE.

MEOW

IT'S NOT REALLY ANYTHING LIKE THAT.

...IS HE REALLY SUCH AN IMPORTANT CAT?

...I MESSED UP THAT GUY'S ARM.

SO I THOUGHT I SHOULD APOLOGIZE TO HIM PROPERLY...

THAT GUY WANDERS AIMLESSLY LIKE A STRAY CAT, IT'S TROUBLESOME TO LOOK FOR HIM IN EVERY SINGLE PLACE...

IT'S PRETTY LAME, YA KNOW?

SO I THOUGHT THAT IF I MADE IT AN ORDER FROM THE QUEEN THEN IT'D LOOK A LITTLE BIT BETTER.

IS THAT SO...? YOUR MAJESTY IS SO KIND.

BECAUSE WHEN PUSH COMES TO SHOVE A CAT CANNOT PROTECT THE PEOPLE IMPORTANT TO THEM.

...I DO NOT REALLY LIKE CATS VERY MUCH

YA THINK SO?

THAT FUSSINESS IS A HUGE HURDLE TO JUMP OVER, HUH...?

IT IS STILL A BIT EARLY FOR BREAKFAST, IS IT NOT?

HOW ABOUT RELAXING IN YOUR ROOM?

AH, IN THAT CASE, I'LL TAKE A WALK AROUND THE AREA.

A QUEEN HAS TO KNOW A LOT ABOUT THEIR OWN COUNTRY, RIGHT?

BESIDES THAT, IF I DON'T HURRY UP AND GRASP THE LAYOUT OF THE CASTLE THEN IT'S GONNA BE A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH...

YES.

IT IS MY DUTY TO PROTECT YOUR MAJESTY.

HUH?

I UNDERSTAND. IN THAT CASE, I WILL ACCOMPANY YOU.

YOU'RE GONNA COME ALONG?

...IF YOU WERE TO IGNORE ME, I'D BE PISSED BUT THIS CLINGY CONCERN FOR ME IS THE SAME...

I took Alice's Regret from Tweedle Dee... but nothing has really changed.

Which reminds me, can I really kill the White Rabbit now..?

ISN'T THAT RIGHT?

...ALICE'S REGRET...

WANTS TO BE KILLED BY SENSEI,

Who in the hell is "Sensei"? I don't know his name either

Is Nee-san's Regret a special case..?

If I can imagine how Alice thinks then I have a feeling I'll be able to understand why I killed her..

When will he come back? He left me behind without saying why again...

...that reminds me, the Hatter just split up with me in the Nameless Forest...

Why am I being abandoned..?

Why do I want that guy to turn up? We don't have any connection now.

...?

—What am I talking about?

?

IS SOMETHING WRONG, YOUR MAJESTY?

IT'S NOTHING.

MORE IMPORTANTLY, WHAT'S THAT?

TO THE WEST IS THE NAMELESS FOREST.

THE FOREST TO THE EAST AND THE DEEP FOREST THAT CONTINUES BEHIND THE NAMELESS FOREST DO NOT YET HAVE NAMES.

I DON'T SEE THE DIFFER-ENCE...

BY THE WAY, DOES THIS COUNTRY ONLY HAVE FORESTS?

THE NAMELESS FOREST WAS CULTIVATED BY LOOKING-GLASS LAND FROM THE BEGINNING.

PERHAPS IT WAS THE TWINS WHO LIVE THERE THAT GAVE IT ITS NAME.

THAT IS ACCEPTABLE.

WAIT WAIT, HOLD UP!! THAT'S STRANGE, AIN'T IT!? THAT'S DEFINITELY STRANGE!

I THINK IT WOULD BE NICE IF YOUR MAJESTY NAMED THE FOREST TO THE EAST AND PROTECTED IT AS A OFFICIAL CULTURAL ASSET.

WELL THEN— HOW ABOUT THE OPPOSITE OF THAT ONE? "THE FOREST WITH A NAME"?

IF YOU HONESTLY WANT ME TO NAME THE FOREST THEN YOU GOTTA GIVE ME 2, NO, 3 DAYS TO THINK!!

I UNDERSTAND. I WILL LOOK FORWARD TO IT, YOUR MAJESTY.

IS THAT SO? I HAD THOUGHT IT WAS AN EXCELLENT NAME BUT...

IF I HADN'T BEEN FORCEFULLY GIVEN THE NAME "ALICE" THEN THE CHESHIRE CAT WOULDN'T HAVE FOLLOWED ME AROUND AND IT WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN NECESSARY TO WORK TOGETHER WITH THE HATTER. IT'S REALLY SAD THAT I NEED TO BE SAVED BY A GUY LIKE HIM ANYHOW.

IF I GIVE IT AN UNSERIOUS NAME THEN I'LL DEFINITELY REGRET IT AFTERWARDS.

THERE WAS A GUY THAT CAME TOGETHER WITH ME FROM WONDERLAND, RIGHT?

THE ONE WHO ENTRUSTED ME TO YOU—

...THE HATTER? YOUR MAJESTY, WHO IS THAT?

WHO...? YOU SAID THAT SAME THING BEFORE TOO.

YOU SERIOUSLY DON'T REMEM-BER?

ALICE...

YOUR ILLNESS HAS YET TO HEAL, HUH...?

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT...?

ILLNESS...?

DO YOU STILL NOT REMEMBER? YOU WERE ALWAYS ALONE, WERE YOU NOT?

NO MATTER HOW DIFFICULT THINGS WERE OR HOW SAD YOU FELT, NO ONE WOULD COME TO SAVE YOU.

YOU SUFFERED BY YOURSELF AND YET YOU CONTINUED TO ENDEAVOR TO LIVE IN HAPPINESS.

THAT IS WHY I—

HOLD ON JUST A SECOND.

WHO THE HELL ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT!?

DO YOU—

SHUT UP AND TELL ME!

I AM SORRY, YOUR MAJESTY.

YOU WERE THE FIRST AND LAST ALICE TO COME TO LOOKING-GLASS LAND.

WHAT TYPE OF PERSON IS THE ALICE THAT YOU KNOW?

AH...

NO...

PERHAPS KNOW AN ALICE OTHER THAN ME?

A DREAM?

—I HAD A DREAM.

Even though I exist only in Looking-Glass Land the place where I met her was not Looking-Glass Land.

That is how I know that it was a dream.

Why did I decide to protect her? Why did I have to protect her?

I thought "is it not because she is Alice?"

My duty is to protect Alice. It is why I was born.

That is why I should have done something more for her

However my dream immediately cut out and my means of finding out what happened to the girl was stolen from me.

I HAVE BEEN WAITING IN LOOKING-GLASS LAND FOR ALICE'S ARRIVAL.

I UNDERSTAND THAT

NO.

MY RESOLUTION WILL NOT WAIVER OVER SOMETHING LIKE YOU BEING ALICE.

SO YOU'RE SAYING THAT IT'S TOO BAD IT'S ME THEN.

...HEH.

ALICE IS BEING EXPOSED TO UNSEEN THREATS EVEN NOW.

...THREATS...

—THE MAN BEYOND THE LOOKING GLASS.

I WAS BORN TO PROTECT YOU FROM THOSE THREATS.

NO, I WAS BORN TO DESTROY THEM.

The one reflected in my mirror is a lone man who says abusive things.

HURRY UP AND STOP ME.

HE IS AN INSANE MAN WHO LAUGHS AS HE CONTINUES TO MADLY UTTER THOSE THINGS.

LIKE THIS, I'LL KILL ALICE.

OF COURSE, THERE IS NOTHING I CAN DO ABOUT THE ME BEYOND THE LOOKING GLASS.

AND THEN HE WILL KILL ALICE.

THAT IS WHY ALICE FEARED THE MAN AND ESCAPED TO LOOKING-GLASS LAND.

EVENTUALLY THE MAN WILL FOLLOW ALICE TO LOOKING-GLASS LAND...

THIS TIME I WILL PROTECT YOU, ALICE.

HOWEVER, YOU HAVE NO NEED TO WORRY.

...WELL THEN, HOW ABOUT WE GO BACK SOON?

I WILL MAKE YOUR MAJESTY'S FAVORITE THINGS.

I THINK IT WOULD BE GREAT TO QUICKLY FIND A SKILLED CHEF, BUT UNTIL THEN I WILL DO IT—

Alice was... killed by...

someone...!?

WAS KILLED BY ME...

...ALICE...

dong

dong

IN THE SHORT TIME WE HAVEN'T SEEN EACH OTHER, YOU'VE BECOME QUEEN, HUH, ALICE-CHAN?

UGH...

dong

GYAAAAAAH

THE ONE WHO IS SURPRISED IS ME! I'M NOT A QUEEN AND I WASN'T ALICE-CHAN FROM THE START EITHER!!

I'M SURPRISED.

...YOUR TIMING REALLY IS AWFUL.

YOU DIDN'T SHOW YOUR FACE EVEN ONCE WHEN I HAD SOME BUSINESS WITH YOU.

...I WANTED TO TALK TO YOU AT LEISURE ONCE MORE.

SO THEN, WHAT'S THE MATTER?

IF I CAN BE OF ANY HELP, THEN I'LL GLADLY CARRY OUT YOUR ORDERS.

YOUR SERVANT FORCED ME TO ACCEPT.

YOU REQUESTED MY PRESENCE, DIDN'T YOU?

...I THOUGHT I'D APOL-OGIZE.

AH, ABOUT THIS? WHY WOULD YOU DO SOME-THING LIKE THAT?

IT'S FINE. IT'S NOT SOME-THING THAT SHOULD BE BOTHERING YOU.

THOUGH IT WAS HORRIBLY PAINFUL.

AND IT SEEMS I WON'T EVER BE ABLE TO USE IT AGAIN.

I guess not.

YOU SHOT ME OF YOUR OWN FREE WILL.

BESIDES THAT, I DON'T THINK IT WAS SUCH A BAD THING TO DO EITHER.

THERE'S NO NEED TO APOLOGIZE.

...I'M SORRY.

WELL, THAT'S TRUE. THAT'S THE SO-CALLED RULES.

BUT THE ONES I CAN SHOOT SHOULD ONLY BE THE WHITE RABBIT AND HIS ALLIES, RIGHT?

I CAME TO WONDERLAND AND COULD SHOOT SOME HUMANS.

THAT SOMETHING WAS YOU.

—I'VE THOUGHT ABOUT A LOT OF STUFF BUT I COULDN'T FIGURE SOMETHING OUT IN THE END.

FOR INSTANCE, ARE THERE ODDBALLS WITHIN A GROUP OF ODDBALLS?

HM—

WHY WAS I ABLE TO SHOOT YOU THEN?

WHAT'S ALL THAT?

IF YOU SAY THAT THEN EVEN I AM AN UNINVITED, AREN'T I? SINCE I AIN'T ALICE.

HUH?

THOUGH I GUESS A CAT ISN'T TREATED LIKE A GUEST FROM THE START, RIGHT?

I MEAN, I WAS AN UNINVITED GUEST.

...WHEN I TALK TO YOU, MY HEAD STARTS TO HURT.

UHH, I'VE BEEN TOLD THAT A LOT.

BUT, ALICE IS A PERSON THAT'S NECESSARY FOR WONDER-LAND.

THE TIMING OF ME COMING FACE TO FACE WITH THE WHITE RABBIT...

...WASN'T THAT A VIOLATION OF THE RULES?

THAT'S TRUE.

I DIDN'T INTEND TO BREAK THE RULES BUT THAT WASN'T FAIR.

IT'S BECAUSE I DON'T INTEND TO HAVE ANY ALLIES.

"WHAT IS IT YOU WANTED TO TEACH ME SO BADLY THAT YOU'D GO THAT FAR?"

I WONDER IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WERE ABOUT TO THINK.

IF I TOLD YOU EVERYTHING THEN OUR MUTUAL PAINED FEELINGS WOULD HAVE NO MEANING.

SWOO—

SWOO—

...THE WHITE RABBIT...

PROBABLY DOESN'T REALLY WANT TO BE KILLED BY ALICE.

WHY?

..IT'S TROUBLESOME TO THINK OF A REASON.

AS FOR REASONS IT'S FINE NOT TO ESTABLISH FULLY DETAILED ONES. I THINK WORDS ARE THOSE TYPES OF THINGS.

THEY'RE DIFFERENT FROM THE ESSENTIAL LINES IN A STORY THAT HAS ALREADY BEEN DECIDED.

WELL THEN...

...I THINK THAT'S WHY BEING KILLED BY ALICE ISN'T HIS REAL GOAL.

FROM THE VERY BEGINNING, HE'S...

I SEE.

IF IT WERE ME, I'D SAY THAT ALICE DOESN'T WANT TO BE A MURDERER.

I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT ME, I MEAN THE REAL... ALICE.

88.

HM?

IT'S USELESS FOR AN ALICE WHO ONLY DREAMS TO LIVE IN THIS COUNTRY.

NO MATTER HOW MANY PEOPLE WERE CALLED ALICE, THEY WEREN'T ABLE TO BECOME ALICE WITH JUST THE ABILITY TO KILL THE WHITE RABBIT ALONE.

THAT'S HOW HARD IT IS TO BECOME ALICE.

UP UNTIL NOW, 88 ALICES HAVE BEEN BROUGHT TO WONDERLAND AND THEN DIED.

But Alice is a necessity in this country in order to bring an end to the game.

That's why The White Rabbit brings those Alices who aren't like Alices here.

Then this game doesn't end until Alice kills the White Rabbit.

But, no matter how you think about it, this game is disadvantaged.

The White Rabbit can only be killed by Alice, but we won't get past the first page in a story where Alice can never kill the White Rabbit.

...I SAID THAT THE PREVIOUS ALICES WERE KILLED BECAUSE THEY WEREN'T ALICE...

OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

THE WHITE RABBIT CAN'T KILL ALICE SO THAT ALICE CAN'T KILL HIM.

IF WE ASSUME THAT, THEN EVEN A FAKE IS SUFFICIENT...

BUT, FOR THE WHITE RABBIT, THE NECESSARY ALICE CAN'T BE ALICE.

...AM I WRONG?

YOU SHOULD HAVE NOTICED BY NOW.

MAKING THE RULES AND WRITING THE IDEAL ENDING ARE TWO DIFFERENT THINGS.

THE STORY HAS GONE AWRY SOMEWHERE, HASN'T IT?

EVEN YOU KNOW THAT, RIGHT?

AND THE AWRY STORY WILL NOT BE RESTARTED.

YOU'RE AN ALICE THAT DOES NOT HAVE THE ABILITY TO KILL THE WHITE RABBIT.

WHETHER OR NOT YOU CAN USE YOUR POWER DEPENDS ON YOU.

...EVERYTHING IS JUST HOW YOU DESIGNED IT TO BE, HUH?

I'M GOING TO MEET THE WHITE RABBIT.

I WANT TO TALK TO HIM.

...BECAUSE THERE'S STILL SOMETHING I HAVEN'T DONE YET.

BECAUSE YOU RETURNED MY REGRET TO ME.

SINCE I'M A CAT I CAN'T LISTEN TO THE QUEEN'S ORDERS BUT IF IT'S A REQUEST FROM ALICE I CAN LISTEN.

THAT'S RIGHT. I ALSO THINK IT'D BE GOOD IF YOU COULD DO WHAT YOU WANT.

REGRET...

SHE STRUGGLED IN VAIN TO CHANGE THE OUTCOME OF THE STORY.

EVEN THOUGH SHE WAS JUST A FAKE...

I KILLED HER WITH MY OWN HANDS.

...YOU SHOULD CONTINUE GOING FORWARD WITHOUT LOOKING BACK BEHIND YOU,

ALICE.

SWOO—

SWOO—

I BROKE AND DISCARDED ALL OF THOSE USELESS, WEAK ALICES WHO IMMEDIATELY DIED...

...ALICE IS FINE ON HER OWN...

ZSSH

...WONDERLAND DOESN'T NEED AN ALICE...

ZSSH

ZSSH

THAT'S THE HAPPINESS THAT YOU WISHED FOR, ISN'T IT...?

ZSSH

zssh

Let's leave this country together,

Everything will be over soon...

Alice...

THEN WHY NOT RECRUIT SOME MORE?

WE'RE TRYING, BUT IT DOESN'T DO ANY GOOD WHEN NO ONE APPLIES.

UH... SIR? I'M SORRY, BUT WE'RE LOW ON STAFF.

DAMMIT! WHERE ARE THOSE NEW CHAPTERS?!

ARE YOU FREAKING SERIOUS?

WELL, UH... YES, ACTUALLY.

MANGA

FIST SLAM

IT'S SUCH A PITY TOO. WE HAVE SO MANY LOVELY PROJECTS THAT ARE JUST DYING FOR STAFF.

Hug me

hold me

Love me♥

...

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... WHY ARE YOU LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT?

IT'S KIND OF CREEPING ME OUT.

STARE

... THIS GUY'S WEIRD. STILL, MAYBE I SHOULD VOLUNTEER AND HELP SPEED UP THEIR RELEASES.

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